

**THE POCAHONTAS TIMES**

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John Fox, who used to survey down in the Cumberland Gap, and who got to writing pieces for the paper, figures out that the charm of these mountains lies largely in the fact they are adorned with trees. He says that the forests cover them just like a great rug. When you come to think about it, clothes do help sometimes. The woods hide the nakedness of the hills, and it is an ever changing system of dress. Just now there is a regular riot of color. We never saw a finer display. It makes an old work horse throw up his head and take notice. There is enough color in sight to dye the Atlantic Ocean.

Last week the heavens entered into competition with the hills, but the solar attractions were tame compared to the final performance of the foliage. On Wednesday we had the sun dogs cutting up their didoes in the firmament. But on Saturday an interested populace watched a rainbow try a fall with the autumn leaves. The rainbow was compelled to retire, defeated. On Saturday morning it was spitting snow a little and presently the sun came out and some cold showers of rain fell. A large, A1, bumptious rainbow formed a brilliant arch against the mountains west of town, but the colors of the mountains were such that it could hardly be noticed. After a time, finding that it was playing but the part of a spot-light to an attraction, it retired from the unequal contest. Saturday night came the killing frost and that is the way that nature gets the best of our brilliant Indian summer.

In the beginning of the Christian era the ecclesiastical churches began to form themselves into associations. Synods they were called by the Greeks and Councils, by the Romans. In the Presbyterian church the synod is next to the highest organization in the church government. They occupy the step between the Presbytery and the General Assembly. This week the Synod meets for the first time in Pocahontas county.

In a county with such a wonderful history as ours, first things are noted by the present generation, for when we begin to sacrifice our natural resources, time commenced to move rapidly, and those of us who have seen so many years that we have thrown away our notch sticks in disgust, can remember many of the first things in this county. For instance, twenty-three years ago the first typewriter came to the county. Three Remingtons were ordered. County Clerk Brown still clicks out a perfect page on his. Thirty-six years ago the first printing press was brought here. About that time the first steam sawmill and the first railroad came. Since then we have seen hospitals, locomotives, autos, silos, tennis rackets, telephones, talking machines, plug-bats, splatter-guns, theaters and other things make their appearance here, and a progressive citizenry take to them naturally. The soldiers that we are sending out to the wars are a sophisticated set of young fellows and will be able to figure out the most ingenious appliances that are presented to them with which to wreak destruction.

History is fragmentary, but we have asserted, first with hesitation, but now with more confidence as there has been no contradiction, that the site of the town of Marlinton represents the oldest settlement west of the Alleghany mountain. The land titles here date from 1751, but at the time that the survey was made it was the wilderness home of Jacob Marlin from whom the town takes its name. John Lewis was the first permanent settler in Augusta, and the Lewis settlers date from 1737 on. This man Marlin, called Thomas Morlin by Withers, and known to us by tradition as Jacob Marlin, was the first explorer with John Salling of what is now known as the Valley of Virginia, on which the first attempt to settle and own lands was made, and it was this same Marlin who crossed the Alleghany at a time when it was held by the Indians and made his permanent camp at this place.

In the seventeen-forties the immigration into America was very great. The German immigration as well as that of other countries came largely through Philadelphia, and the German settlers took to the valley land and streamed down through the valley in great numbers reaching far south as Rockingham county. Here the current was checked by the strong cross current of Scotch-Irish that came from the immigration set on foot by John Lewis and Benjamin Borden. Col. James Patton, son-in-law to Borden, had a sailing ship which made twenty-six trips from the shores of Ulster to the Rappahannock River with immigrants. All these reported to John Lewis at his home near Staunton and this was the beginning of that distinct Scotch-Irish civilization that centered about Staunton, Virginia, and Lewisburg, West Virginia, known as Augusta and West Augusta.

When the Synod of West Virginia was formed, it is a pity from the historian's point of view that it could not have included the counties of Highland, Bath, Augusta, Rockbridge and Alleghany, so that it would have had within its bounds the territory peopled by the picked immigration managed by John Lewis and his associates, which has made such a great impress upon the history of the nation. It was this band of hard fighting and hard praying people who adopted George Washington, and among whom he was at the formative period of his life. There is no question but that General Andrew Lewis trained George Washington, and in return Washington tried to have Lewis appointed commander in chief of the Revolutionary army. The natural advantages of the Big

Savannah around Lewisburg deprived Marlin Bottom of its importance as a headquarters for the activities west of the Alleghany mountain, and West Virginia Presbyterianism centers around Lewisburg in consequence. Lewisburg built an enduring tabernacle in 1796, and has entertained not only Synod, but the General Assembly itself.

This Scotch-Irish immigration was composed of people of the Presbyterian faith. Their descendants are practically all in the Presbyterian and Methodist churches at this time in this part of West Augusta, and the reason for this is due to the force of Christian character of a famous Methodist preacher, who is the patron saint of Methodism in America. We refer to Bishop Francis Asbury, born in Staffordshire, England, in 1745. He was a personal friend of John Wesley who sent him as a missionary to America. He arrived here in 1770. His field lay from Maine to Georgia, and he visited the Greenbrier Valley on his return trips, coming by the way of Sweet Springs, Lewisburg, Hillsboro, Marlinton, Mingo, Huttonsville, and so on down the river to Pittsburgh. And wherever he went Methodism sprang up and flourished like a green bay tree. In the Levels he always stopped at John McNeel's and at Marlinton at Lawrence Drinnon's, who lived about a mile above the bridge. In 1784, Rev. Francis Asbury was appointed the first bishop of the Methodist church as organized in America, and that same year his diary shows that he passed through this county. He died in 1816, in Virginia.

Some day a historian will do justice to the Scotch-Irish of the mountains of the western part of the Virginia settlements. To us it seems that they constituted the most vital force in America at the time of the Revolutionary War, and in religion and in war, they have always been potent in the affairs of the nation, and they know more about us in far-away Wisconsin than we know about ourselves.

The churches are beginning to take notice of the knitting of the women of America. It is as good for their nerves as honey is for the bee. In Seranton the other day the misters took up one phase of the question. That of Sunday knitting. The consensus of opinion was that Sunday was "all right," but only a minority favored knitting in church during service. Probably because it took up too few space, for when a woman knits with these new fangled needles, you gotta give her room according to her strength. Having seen our women folks lay aside their knitting at midnight of a Saturday and resume the same Monday morning before breakfast, the discussion would have been highly interesting to us, could we have heard it. The newspapers only gave the conclusions reached and not the argument adduced.

In the Waverly Novels, Scott gives an account of one church where a certain hard headed old laird had the privilege of smoking a big iron pipe in church, and as a boy we remember in a Virginia church, where a prominent man in the community always wore his hat through the Sunday service, which we believe was a custom that he inherited from his father. Once he had an epileptic fit during the service and his hat fell off and we remember how white his forehead was.

Down at the White Sulphur Spring, the women have war bags in which they carry their knitting, and even on the golf-links they are not far separated from their outfit for the caddies have them slung on themselves along with the golf bags.

We are strong for the knitting. It is a peaceful occupation. "Knitting and withal singing, and it seemed that her voice comforted her hands to work." "Verse sweetens toil, however rude the sound: She feels no biting pang the while she sings: Nor, as she turns the giddy needles round; Revolves the sad vicissitudes of things." Let them knit. These are strenuous times: The French women knitted the corrupt government out of existence in days of the French Revolution, for which see the "Tale of Two Cities." Let our women knit the Kaiser out.

Our troops in France are marching to the song: "We'll hang the damned old Kaiser on a sour apple tree," and the Emperor of all the Huns hears the sound and trembles, for when we sing that tune we are in a dangerous mood.

One of the most hellish things that war has ever produced is the destruction of the fruit trees in France by the Germans as they evacuated the country in front of the overwhelming forces of the allies. Orchards that it takes a generation to grow were by the commands of the overlords of Germany felled by the soldiers. That is one form of destruction that cannot be laid to the wantonness of private soldiers, for it takes too much labor. In the days of the Dryads, who perished with the destruction of certain trees which had been their abode, the wanton destruction of a tree was an impious act, and was severely punished.

The Kaiser ought to study the experience of Eryschthon, the despiser of the gods. He presumed to violate with the ax a grove sacred to Ceres, the goddess of grain. His servants hesitated to attack a venerable oak on which votive tablets were often hung, and he seized the ax himself

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and attacked the tree. When the first blow fell, blood flowed from the trunk of the tree. A bystander warned him. Eryschthon turned and slew him and cut down the tree. The Dryads invoked punishment upon him. Ceres sent to ice-clad Scythia and commanded Famine to visit the caiff. Speeding through he air, Famine entered the dwelling of Eryschthon while he slept and "breathed" herself into him. Thereafter he suffered from hunger. He spent all that he had for food, and sold his daughter into slavery to buy food. Finally all other sources failing him, he turned upon himself, and the demands of hunger compelled him to devour his own limbs, and in due time he ate himself up. There is a story from mythology for the impious Kaiser to ponder on. Following close upon the wanton destruction of the orchards of France, comes the embargo that shuts off the supplies of certain small neutral countries, which may in turn be devoured by Germany. Hunger and Famine have made their home in Germany, and not without just cause. Hungry people know no control and listen to no reasons, as the Kaiser is beginning to find out. The gun that he aimed at the world will shoot wide and kick the owner over.

**TOP ALLEGHANY**

We had a big frost Sunday morning. Hiner & Gum did part of the threshing in the section last week. Edward Freeman left last Thursday for Camp Lee. We hope the war may soon be over so our boys can come home. Martin Colaw and family of Crab-botton, were guests of W. Lee Wilmoth, Sunday. Aunt Polly Spencer has been visiting relatives in Highland and Pendleton counties. Rev. D. H. Miller and wife spent

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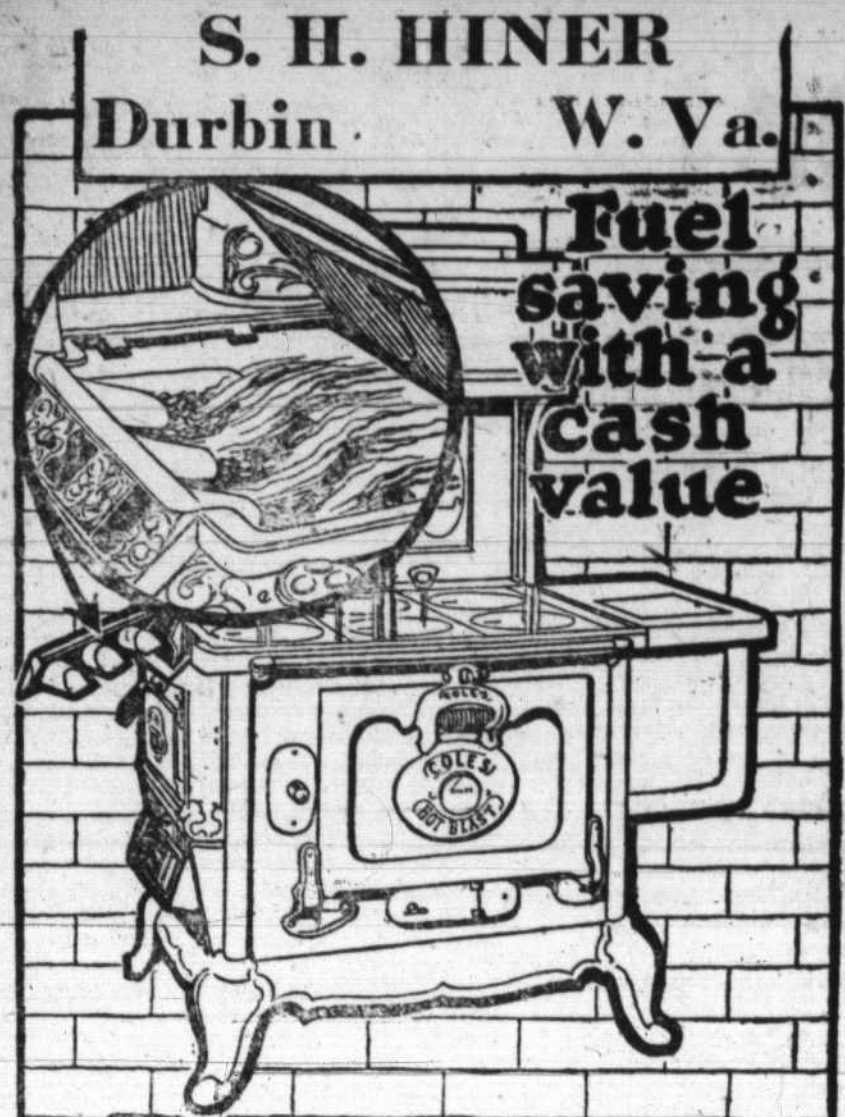
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Jesse Judy and wife of Arbovale, attended Sunday school here Sunday. Glen Spencer is the champion con hunter of this section—he has caught six to date. Shorty McCoy took a load of potatoes and apples to Thornwood, Tuesday.

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of horses and wagons, etc. at Marlinton on Saturday, October 20, 1917 at 1:30 p. m., as we are going to buy a truck, we will sell the following: 1 heavy team, 1 good road team all young horses in good condition, 3 wagons, 1 sleigh, 2 sets of double work harness, 1 saddle, 1 set buggy harness, bridles, etc. TERMS—Cash or note with approved security. POCAHONTAS JUNK CO. Gum, auctioneer.

**THE KAISER'S "S. O. S."**

Mine Gott will you be mine pardner? You don't know who I am? I am the German Kaiser, Der Emperor, Vell I am. You know I vipped dem Belgians, Und mit bullets filled Bussia full; Und L whip France and Italy, Und blow up Johnny Bull. Now all den other nations I don't give a damn, If you just be mine pardner, And whip that Uncle Sam. You know I got dem submarines, All Europe know dat vell; But dot man Edison got a patent now Vot blows dem all to hell. Now Gott if you will do this, Den you I will always love; Und I will be emperor of der earth, Und you be emperor above. But Gott if you refuse this, Tomorrow night at eleven, I'll call my Zepfellins out, Und declare war on Heben. I wouldn't ask this from you But it can be plainly seen, Dot ven Edison pushes dot button, I got no submarines. —Exchange.

**THE WEATHER**

Local weather observer S. L. Brown makes the following report for the month of September. Hottest 80 degrees on the 2nd and coldest 30 degrees on the 12th; greatest daily range in temperature was from 80 to 68 degrees on the 12th; the least was from 56 to 64 degrees on the 28th. Rain fell to the amount of 3.37 inches. 90 inches having fallen on the 27th, rain on 10 days. There were 8 clear, 14 partly cloudy and 8 cloudy days. There were no frosts. Over at Elkins, the hottest was 83 degrees on the 2nd and the coldest 34 degrees on the 12th. The mean for the month being 60 degrees, the normal for the month being 64.9. The hottest in 19 years for this month 92 degrees in 1900, and the coldest was 28 degrees in 1899. Of rain there was 2.83 inches, the normal for this month be 2.87 inches. There were 11 clear days, 10 cloudy and 9 partly cloudy. No frosts.

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H. H. Sweetwood is preparing to move to Renick.

Jesse McCoy of Richwood, is visiting his parents; Mr. and Mrs. N. D. McCoy.  
Miss Nellie McCoy has been carrying the mail on route No. 1 the past week.  
Mack Long has returned to his home at Hillsboro, after a two weeks' visit at the home of J. V. May.

George Rimel and a party of friends motored down to N. D. McCoy's Sunday afternoon.  
Jake Caraway, who had the misfortune to get his arm broke some time ago, is at work again.  
Forrest May has gone to Petersburg, Va., to visit the soldier boys.  
We had a very cold frost last night; we hope the next one will be warmer.  
G. S. McKeever has begun his school on Locust Creek.  
Jesse McCoy killed a twenty-five pound ground hog last week.